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To: All Providers and Software Vendors

RE: The New Medicaid Claims Processing System Date Has Been Postponed.

The new Medicaid claims processing system date has been postponed from May 23, 2007 to a new target date of September 17, 2007.

What you **MUST** do:

1. Continue to use the current claim submission methods with your current provider number until the new implementation date.
Claims or other transactions submitted using the National Provider Identifier (NPI) numbers shall not be accepted until the implementation of the new claims processing system.
2. Continue to use the current UB-92 and the current CMS-1500 claim form. Paper claims submitted on the new claim forms shall be returned to the provider without being processed.

Rescheduling of this date will allow additional testing of the new system.

Provider training for the new Medicaid claims processing system will be held throughout the state in August. Invitations will be sent prior to the training.

Reminder:

The new Medicaid claims processing system, called **interChange**, will feature a fully functional web portal and will be fully NPI compliant. If you have not already sent in your NPI information to EDS, please do so immediately. The information can be found on the Medicaid website at:

<http://www.medicaid.alabama.gov/billing/NPI.aspx?tab=6>

Future notifications regarding cutoff dates and changes associated with new Medicaid claims processing system may be found at www.medicaid.alabama.gov. If you have questions regarding this delay, please contact your provider representative at **1-800-688-7989**.

Thank You

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